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Kennedy-methods. (32,81ff) One of the predictable but apparently [illegible] consequences of the great increase in the personality [illegible] of the presidency [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] "The Decision-making process") was the elimination of the [illegible] but [illegible] ones, that would have been heavily [illegible] with the committees & boards. K eliminated to "streamline" things & get close to them. It put a burden on a very small group of men who no matter how brilliant, were without special background to know or appreciate & understand the policy pitfalls into which he fell, if that is what he did, i.e., Vienna, Cuba, [illegible] S.E. Asia, Congo, USSR [illegible]. Again it provided for the [illegible] opportunity for the more [illegible] & opinionated to implement their policies [illegible], i.e., Adm. Burke, etc; [illegible] of Missiles - B70. K lost much [illegible] protection coming from traditional checks with which he was impatient. And, with the eliminating of some [illegible] from the decision-making process, the role of this understanding was increased and each of the fewer men in it had to be competent in the knowledge of more areas. It was risky and still "[illegible]" at best; a big step toward personal [illegible] at worst.

Advisors – Bay of Pigs – Bowles –

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The only one who was right, who gave the proper cautions & clearly foresaw the consequences – was forced out, his ouster being delayed only to make it less painful.

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"He liked to regard his staff as generalists rather than specialists

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If, as Dulles reported (& contrary to understanding of all other participants) the CIA plan did not depend on an uprising, on what, then, did it depend? Conquest of the island, defeat of Castro's 200,000 armed forces by the politically divided ~~[illegible]~~ rag-tag 1400 he was putting ashore? This makes sense only if the CIA's real plan was to ~~[illegible]~~ create a situation in which the US would have to take part directly, which had already been formally disapproved by Pres. The CIA kept [illegible], however, asking for this after invasion got started.